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Board Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2009

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

- Board Members:** Alan Bennett-representing Cook County, Gerald Bennett-representing southwest Cook County, Frank H. Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Joe Deal-representing the City of Chicago, Russell Hartigan-representing west Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing south Cook County, Andre Rice-representing the City of Chicago, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago and non-voting members Steve Schlickman-representing the MPO Policy Committee and Ian Doughty-representing the office of the Governor.
- Staff Present:** Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Tom Garritano, Matt Maloney, Brett Baden, Thomas Murtha, Patricia Berry, Doug Ferguson, Annie Byrne and Sherry Kane.
- Others Present:** Thomas Snyder -RTA, Mike Walczak and Chris Staron-NWMC, Tammy Wierciak and Len Cannata-WCMC, Mike Sullivan-KKCoM, Chalen Daigle-McHenry County Council, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Marta Peralas-IL MPO Advisory Council, Laura Wilkison-Wilkison Consulting, Ed Paesel, Bud Fleming-SSMMA, Catherine Kannenberg-Metra and Ingrid Danler-Fox Waterway Agency

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The Chairman, Mayor Gerald R. Bennett called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m., introduced and welcomed Rick Reinbold, Village President-Richton Park, CMAP's newest Board Member and asked other Board members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – July 8, 2009

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2009 board meeting, as presented, was made by Dan Shea and seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Regarding the Regional Water Supply Planning Study, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that nearing the end of the planning phase, a final report is due in December, elements of which will be integrated into CMAP's *GO TO 2040* plan. Recalling that state funding had been cut 2 years ago, Blankenhorn went on to say that IDNR had funded the project this year at \$165,000. Blankenhorn also reported that a new partnership at the federal level is underway. Lead by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and the Environmental Protection Agency, the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, will work on matters of housing, environment and transportation policy. The three secretaries will be speaking at MPC's annual luncheon on September 17, 2009 Blankenhorn continued and encouraged Board members to attend. Available now as final, CMAP's FY 2010 Comprehensive Budget that was approved last month did not include funding from the comprehensive regional planning fund, however, Blankenhorn reported that IDOT had agreed to provide \$2.7 million to match federal funding. This funding does not support programs not tied to transportation such as housing, environmental, economic development, however. CMAP will continue working with the Governor's office promoting the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund in the next budget cycle. Board Chair Mayor Bennett reported that we submitted our legislative priorities to IML in the hope they will endorse them and we will work to garner support across the state for the funding and that CMAP should continue a three-pronged approach via the General Assembly, its contacts in the Governor's office and the House & Senate delegation. A request was made that Board members receive a copy of the IML-sponsored legislation. Blankenhorn concluded his report stating the CMAP's annual report for the fiscal year 2009 is published, thanking Justine Reisinger and Tom Garritano for the work.

5.0 Contract Approvals

The following were submitted for Board consideration: a contract amendment with Pathfinders in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for Adobe Flex web framework for the CMAP/CCT regional indicators web site, a contract amendment with Great Arc in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 to create web-based GIS parcel mapping and a contract award with Geosyntec in the amount of \$138,316 for the Hickory Creek Watershed Plan Development. A motion by Mayor Michelini was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to approve the procurement and contract awards as presented. With all in favor, the motion carried.

6.0 Committee Reports

From its meeting earlier in the morning, Planning Coordinating Committee Chair Elliott Hartstein reported that the Committee had received an update of the summer's public

engagement efforts that included over 50 workshops, presentations at various fairs and festivals throughout the region, stand-alone kiosks and an interactive website—all supported by media coverage. Common themes seem to strongly support increased transit options and greater conservation, moderately higher density in metro centers, road investment and maximizing environmental policies. The committee discussed the development process for the preferred scenarios that are the basis of *GO TO 2040* which will be presented to the Board in October with approval in January 2010. The endorsement schedule, Hartstein continued, remains on schedule with adoption in October 2010.

Programming Coordinating Committee Chair Joe Deal reported that the Greenways Trails report that had been presented was approved contingent upon inclusion of language indicating that the Greenways and Trails Plan allow for additional or alternative future transportation uses of designated trail corridors. Staff was instructed to work with the RTA to incorporate the language into the final document. The committee also heard updates on CMAQ, TIP & RTP Deal reported.

7.0 Wastewater Committee Appointment

The CMAP Board appoints three of its members to the Wastewater Committee based on geographical representation, one from the City of Chicago, one from Cook County and one from the collar counties. A motion by Frank Beal that Mayor Rick Reinbold be appointed to fill the vacant Cook County position was seconded by Mayor Roger Claar. With all in favor, the motion carried.

8.0 Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the current reauthorization expires at month's end and all indications are that SAFETEA-LU will be extended.

Transportation Policy Analyst Doug Ferguson presented a legislative policy brief on the Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill. The brief proposed five reauthorization policy goals for CMAP and presented priorities and recommendation based on the goals along with background on some of the transportation trends and challenges facing the region and nation. The brief also included a current status of the reauthorization effort which has been held up in Congress due to the other legislative priorities of the Obama Administration and the Senate. The Board also received a summary on the positions of several national organizations on reauthorization that were used in crafting the policy goals for the CMAP. A motion to approve CMAP's five policy goals as presented was made by Alan Bennett, seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor, carried.

9.0 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Implementation

Principal Planner Patricia Berry gave an update on transportation-related activities associated with ARRA funding reporting that the formula transportation funds have all been programmed and the region is well on its way to implementing projects and utilizing all funds available. Governments at all levels are applying for the discretionary

transportation funds and, given the region's tremendous transportation needs, we anticipate similar success at expending any funds awarded.

Associate Regional Planner Annie Byrne reported recent activities regarding non-transportation ARRA coordination and implementation. The Regional ARRA Coordinating Council has met monthly and has developed strategies to increase the effectiveness and long-term impact of select ARRA programs, including energy and weatherization, housing, and workforce development. A memo was distributed to the board briefly describing the ARRA programs within the focus of the coordinating council and potential areas for collaboration. A main activity thus far includes the administration of a needs assessment survey to recipients of ARRA funds to help guide the actions of the Regional ARRA Coordinating Council. Staff is interested in sharing local examples of how the stimulus is working in communities across the region and asked Board Members to contact CMAP with news and developments regarding stimulus programs in their communities.

10.0 Other Business

A brief meeting of the Board is expected in October, Executive Director Blankenhorn reported followed by a Board workshop in Executive Committee that will focus on *GO TO 2040*. Board Chair Mayor Bennett asked that all board members please attend echoing the importance of this session.

11.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

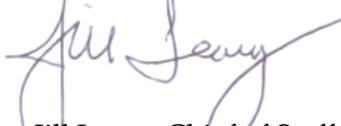
12.0 Next Meeting

The Board will meet on the third Wednesday in November on the 18th and the Board is asked to please keep the December meeting on the calendar.

13.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn made by Dan Shea was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch at approximately 10:25 a.m. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, October 14, 2009.